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1. DURING MEETING MAY 9 ON ANOTHER SUBJECT (PACP. 3) MFA CONSULAR DEPUTY CHIEF EGYED TOLD CONSUL THAT GOH WOULD AGREE TO USG PROPOSAL ON ISSUANCE OF VISAS VALID FOR UP TO ONE YEAR FOR MULZBPLE ENTRIES TO TDY DIPLOMATS AND OFFICIALS. EGYED SAID THAT GOH NOTE TO THIS EFFECT WAS IN LAST CLEARANCE STAGES, AFTER COMPLETION OF WHICH FINAL DETAILS COULD BE DISCUSSED.

2. PER REFTEL (A) PARA. 2, CONSUL PRESENTED NEW USG PROPOSAL ON "DURATION OF STATUS" MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS (FOR UP TO 48 MONTHS) FOR A AND G OFFICIALS PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED. EGYED WELCOMED THE NEW PROPOSAL IN PRINCIPLE AS ANOTHER SMALL BUT TANGIBLE STEP FORWARD. IN A RATHER EXTENDED ASIDE COMMENT, EGYED CONTRASTED THE USG'S POST-HELSINKI DISPOSITION TOWARD VISA FACILITATION WITH WHAT HE CHARACTERIZED AS NARROW BUREAU-CRATISM AND FOOT-DRAGGING BY OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED ITALY AND THE NETHERLANDS.

3. FYI: PURPOSE EGYED CALLED IN CONSUL WAS TO PRESENT CASE
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OF A HUNGARIAN WOMAN UNABLE TO RETURN TO THE U.S. DESPITE HER MARRIAGE THERE IN JANUARY 1976 WHILE IN FIANCEE-VISA STATUS. EMBASSY FILE REVIEW INDICATES THAT THE WOMAN RETURNED IN APRIL 1976 ON A VISIT TO HUNGARY BEFORE HER REGISTRATION AS A U.S. LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT WAS COMPLETE. SHE NEVER RECEIVED HER INS I-151 AND MUST NOW APPLY FOR NEW IR-1 IV TO REENTER. CASE APPARENTLY WAS BROUGHT TO MFA'S ATTENTION BY GOH

AUTHORITIES RELUCTANT TO CONTINUE WOMAN HERE IN INDEFINITE VISITOR STATUS, AND INTRIGUED BY HER CLAIM THAT EMBASSY IS NOT ASSISTING HER TO RETURN TO U.S. REAL PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTY BETWEEN WOMAN AND HER HUSBAND, WHO TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HAS NOT FILED VISA PETITION. CONSUL IS PROVIDING EGYED A REPORT, AND WILL REINTERVIEW APPLICANT. END FYI.

4. AFTER PARA. 3 DISCUSSION, CONSUL ASKED EGYED STATUS OF TDY - MULTIPLE ENTRIES PROPOSAL. AFTER CHECKING BY PHONE WITH VISA-SPECIALIST HAITS, EGYED REPLIED PER PARA. 1.

5. CONSUL PROPOSED AND EGYED AGREED THAT AFTER FORMER'S RETURN FROM VIENNA CONFERENCE, HE WOULD SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH HAITS TO PRESENT DURATION-OF-STATUS PROPOSAL AND RECEIVE GOH'S THOUGHTS ON TDY-MULTIPLE ENTRIES.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE APPROVE FOLLOWING DRAFT-NOTE LANGUAGE TO BE PRESENTED TO HAITS. ALTHOUGH REF (B) ADDRESSES C-3 AS WELL AS A AND G OFFICIALS OUR DRAFT NOTE DOES NOT, SINCE (A) C-3 AND TDY A AND G OFFICIALS ARE ALREADY COVERED IN OUR TDY-MULTIPLE ENTRIES PROPOSAL, AND (B) C-3 "GOVERNMENT-OFFICIAL-IN-TRANSIT" CONCEPT APPEARS AWKWARD TO RECONCILE WITH "DURATION OF STATUS" PRINCIPLE APPLICABLE TO DIPLOMATS AND OFFICIALS ASSIGNED FOR PREDICTABLE AND FINITE TOURS OF DUTY.

7. BEGIN DRAFT NOTE TEXT: (COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) AND HAS THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HONOR TO INFORM THE MINISTRY OF THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON BILATERAL VISA FACILITATION. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN IS PREPARED, IN RETURN FOR RECIPROCAL TREATMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF U.S. DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS AND HHEIR ACCOMPANYING IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS ASSIGNED FOR TOURS OF DUTY WITH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT BUDAPEST, TO ISSUE NONIMMIGRANT VISAS VALID FOR MULTIPLE ENTRIES AND FOR THE PERIOD OF ANTICIPATED ASSIGNMENT UP TO A MAXIMUM OF FORTY-EIGHT MONTHS TO HOLDERS OF HUNGARIAN DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS AND ACCOMPANYING IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS ASSIGNED FOR TOURS OF DUTY AT THE HUNGARIAN MEBASSY IN WASHINGTON, THE HUNGARIAN MISSION AND DELEGATIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AND THE HUNGARIAN CONSULATE GENERAL AT NEW YORK. VISAS WOULD BE ISSUED VALID FOR THE FULL PERIOD OF EXPECTED ASSIGNMENT (UP TO FORTY-EIGHT MONTHS) AS SPECIFIED AT THE TIME OF VISA APPLICATION.

"ACCOMPANYING IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS" ARE UNDERSTOOD IN U.S. VISA PRACTICE AS APPLIED IN CASES OF DIPLOMATS AND OFFICIALS OF ALL COUNTRIES ASSIGNED IN THE UNITED STATES, TO MEAN CLOSE RELATIVES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY BY BLOOD, MARRIAGE, OR ADOPTION, WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF SOME OTHER HOUSEHOLD, AND WHO WILL RESIDE REGULARLY IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF THE PRINCIPAL APPLICANT.

IN THE EVENT OF ACCOMPANYING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, FOLLOWING ITS UNIFORM PRACTICE WITH RESPECT TO DIPLOMATS AND OFFICIALS OF ALL COUNTRIES, THE UNITED STATES WOULD ISSUE VISAS VALID FOR MULTIPLE ENTRIES FOR UP TO ONE YEAR. SUCH VISAS MAY BE REVALIDATED FOR ADDITIONAL PERIODS OF UP TO ONE YEAR AT A TIME, AS LONG AS THE EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIP CONTINUES.

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(AND FAMILY MEMBERS) WHOSE TOURS OF ASSIGNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARE EXTENDED, WOULD BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE EXTENSIONS OF THEIR MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS FOR THE NEW PERIOD OF ASSIGNMENT THROUGH EITHER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN WASHINGTON, THE U.S. EMBASSY AT BUDAPEST, OR ANY OTHER U.S. VISA-ISSUING POST.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN PROPOSES THAT THIS NOT, TOGETHER WITH THE HUNGARIAN REPLY NOTE SPECIFYING LIKE HUNGARIAN VISA FACILITATION FOR AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS ASSIGNED FOR TOURS OF DUTY TO THE U.S. EMBASSY AT BUDAPEST, CONSTITUTE THE OFFICIAL AGREEMENT ON THIS MATTER BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE).

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